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SUBJECT: SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN MEXICAN CLAIMED ECONOMIC ZONE

1. AT U.S.-MEXICO FISHERIES TALKS, MEXDEL (CASTANEDA) RAISED ISSUE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN GOM CLAIMED ECONOMIC ZONE. WHILE SUGGESTING THERE IS NO NEED TO INCLUDE CLAUSE ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN ECONOMIC ZONE AS PART OF FISHERIES AGREEMENT, MEXDEL WISHES TO SEEK INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING ON HOW U.S. RESEARCH REQUESTS COULD BE HANDLED OVER THE NEXT YEAR. U.S. DEL (RIDGWAY) INDICATED SCIENCE REGIME ISSUES MUST BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM FISH TALKS, SUGGESTED ROZENTAL AND BURTON MEET INFORMALLY TO DISCUSS ISSUES SO THAT USG WOULD HAVE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF GOM INTENTIONS. BURTON WILL LUNCH WITH ROZENTAL ON THURSDAY.

2. MEXDEL (ROZENTAL) PRESENTED GOM ATTITUDE ON PROCESSING OF RESEARCH REQUESTS DURING COMING YEAR (BEGINNING 27 JULY, NEW DATE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF GOM ECONOMIC ZONE). GOM INTENTION IS TO FOLLOW REVISED LOS SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT, SPECIFICALLY WITH REFERENCE TO ARTICLES 58 AND 60, AND DESCRIBED THIS APPROACH AS QUOTE PROVISIONAL APPLICATION UNQUOTE. GOM NOTED ARTICLES IN PART III OF SNT LOOKING TOWARD BILATERAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION AND GOOD TRACK RECORD BETWEEN USG AND GOM, STATING GOM WOULD BE FAVORABLE INCLINED TOWARD PENDING U.S. RESEARCH REQUESTS WHEN THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS MEXICO

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ENJOYS ARE RECOGNIZED. GOM HAS PENDING REQUESTS UNDER REVIEW

AND HOPES TO RESPOND SOON THAT GOM GRANTS CONSENT.

3. USDEL PROPOSES TO APPROACH LUNCH ON THURSDAY AS FOLLOWS
UNLESS WE HEAR TO CONTRARY FROM DEPT BY THEN:

--ON LOS CONFERENCE AND RSNT, EXPRESS USG UNHAPPINESS OVER
RESULT ON SCIENCE REGIME AND AVOID FURTHER DISCUSSION, UNLESS
INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM DEPT.

--REJECT CONCEPT OF QUOTE PROVISIONAL APPLICATION UNQUOTE
OR ANY OTHER PLAN OF GIVING LEGAL OR POLITICAL EFFECT TO LOS
SCIENCE TEXT IN LIGHT OF THE UNANTICIPATED AND UNNEGOTIATED
CONTENT OF THE CONSENT REGIME CONTAINED IN THAT TEXT.

--INDICATE USG DESIRE TO AVOID INCIDENTS ARISING FROM
DIFFERING JURIDICAL POSITIONS ON SCIENCE IN ECONOMIC ZONE,
IF POSSIBLE.

--EXPLAIN THAT PROBLEM NEED NOT ARISE WHEN RESEARCH PLAN
INCLUDES ASPECTS WE AGREE REQUIRE CONSENT AND ASPECTS WE
DIFFER ON, AND WHY.

--STATE THAT WHERE ENTIRE PROJECT DOES NOT REQUIRE CONSENT
IN OUR VIEW, USG WILL NOT RPT NOT REQUEST CONSENT AND IS
PREPARED TO PROCEED ON BASIS OF FREEDOMS OF THE HIGH SEAS AT
LEAST UNTIL LOS CONFERENCE REACHES CONCLUSION.

--NOTE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN USG RESEARCH REQUESTS AND
U.S. ACADEMIC RESEARCH REQUESTS, IF APPROPRIATE, AND EXPLAIN
THAT WHERE ACADEMIC RESEARCH INVOLVED DECISION WHETHER TO
RISK POSSIBLE SEIZURE LIES WITH PRIVATE INSTITUTION.

--EXPLORE PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS THAT DO NOT RPT NOT PREJU-
DICE USG POSITION.

4. REQUEST BRIEFING CABLE ON ANY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS IN
THIS AREA BETWEEN PRIVATE RESEARCHERS AND GOM, AS WELL AS
OTHER INFO DEPT BELIEVES WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THIS GENERAL
DISCUSSION. NO QUOTE UNDERSTANDING UNQUOTE OR COMMITMENTS
WILL BE MADE AT THIS TIME.

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